

Campa Bucks County 20th Aug 1777
my Dear friend

I received yours of the 1st instant, and
am much diverted at the ridiculous exhibition
of the money matters on the supposed appearance
of the enemy in the Bay. poor Devils, they
are very like to the hardened sinner who
never thinks of death until he seizes him, &
then alas horror and confusion.

I am shock'd at your representation
of the want of patriotism, and am willing
to believe the warmth of my friends ideas
has led him to draw conclusions, which a
dispassionate survey would not warrant —
• my God is it possible that the people
who two years ago were the foremost in
the noble cause of liberty should now
shrink from the appearance of an enemy
— after having suffered and braved danger
in a manner that would have given additional
splendor to a warrior, to suddenly shrink
from an enemy who in many points of
view is formidable — too true —
I am also surpris'd and shock'd at

at the Supremacy shown by the New England states on
the untoward situation of our affairs at the northward.

— The people in the southern states are laid low
at their non-existence at a time when they are so much
wanted. I know the Officers and that Department
has been the objection. but that is removed. Progre-
sively opens wide the door for his destruction. and
it will be an eternal disgrace to the New England
Colonies if it is not accomplished.

What awaits idle excuses at this time
such as "my business will not permit me to go" — "my
wife expects to be in" — "I have a very good
bargain" — those people who make them are up
to Slavery and I shall hope to have in my
power to put them in to some misdeeds for
the service of the public — wretches who refuse
to even and expose themselves still, that they &
they positively may injure all the ~~delicacies~~ ~~pleasures~~
~~pleasures~~ of slavery — I maintain it that America
is not safe until the delegates of the people
have power to ~~exercise~~ coerce the laggy.
Disobedient and rebelling — at times of such
imminent danger. all the people ought as one
man turn out and save themselves from Slavery
— the time will come or the most sublimed
to be made the tools of an intestine enemy

It is reported that Mr. Howe has gone to South
Carolina which I should be inclined to believe except
you know more of him at the time you hear
believe this than I do. I am afraid the fear
of the City of Philadelphia has led us into a sum-
mer war which I believe this is — I believe there
has been a subside and some vigorous measures
take place in the room — The General has
repeatedly written to the State respecting your
Regiments if they were not sent there
it shows the weakness of the Government
— indeed it has been my opinion for a long
time that the representatives themselves by
doubting their own power, has communicated
their doubts to their constituents — who have opposed
to obey the impotent of a resolve — had
a contrary conduct been resolved upon all the
Regiments would have been conscripted by
this time — I am very Dear Mary
Your very affectionate friend
Wm. W. W.

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Colonel Harry Jackson
Boston

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Letter from me
to General H. K.
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